

SEIU LOCAL 521

SOCIAL ECONOMIC JUSTICE (SEJ) COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 14, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Secretary Jennifer Jensen.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** welcome was extended to all of those in attendance.

Fresno: Lorenzo Lambaren, Sergio Garcia, Maria Luisa Gutierrez (Honorary Member), Cecilia Tatum, Bella Barela, Solomon Barela (guest), Roseann Dominguez, Jennifer Jensen, Daniel Galindo (Honorary Member), Francis Coronado, Matthew Coronado (guest), Reggie Gray (guest).

San Jose: Rachel Subega.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** tabled until next meeting as minutes were not printed for San Jose.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Lorenzo Lambaren reported that there is currently a balance of \$3,883.83. This does not include an authorization in the amount of \$200 and an authorization in the amount of \$400.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Budgeted Items: none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*SEJ Budget:* all caucuses were reminded to turn in their 2018 Budgets by the September 11, 2017 meeting.

*SEJ Summit/SEIU 521 Convention (October 13, 2017 – October 15, 2017):* everyone was reminded of the convention and the importance. There was extensive conversation regarding having the Summit the same weekend as the Convention. The consensus was that the individual caucuses do not have enough money to pay for non-delegates to attend the convention. Also, delegates would be busy attending convention activities and would not be able to man the caucus tables. There was discussion on having the summit on having the Summit October 21, 2017. Chair Bonner will be contacted regarding rescheduling to October 21, 2017 or another date.

*Donation Requests:*

Central California Women's Conference: Francis Coronado made a motion to purchase 1 ticket in the amount of \$110 to the Central California Women's Conference September 19, 2017 in Fresno California. Seconded by Cecilia Tatum. The only discussion would be who would want to attend the conference. No one indicated they wished to attend. Alysia Bonner will be contacted to see if she wished to attend. No further discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed with two abstentions.

FRESNO AIDS WALK & 5K Run (October 21, 2017): Francis Coronado made a motion to sponsor the Fresno Aids Walk on October 21, 2017 at the Silver Level in the amount of \$1,000 from the seed money of the Lavender Caucus as this caucus is no longer active. Seconded by Cecilia Tatum. Discussion: Lorenzo Lambaren explained that as the Lavender Caucus is no longer active to use the money for the Aids Walk. Vote taken. Motion passed unanimously as presented.

**Caucus Reports:**

**AFRAM**

Fresno: no report

San Jose: no report

**APALA**

Fresno: Bella Barela reported that the Caucus is sending two people to their convention in Anaheim. Bella also reported that the caucus will be having 5 members participate in the Susan G. Komen Race For The Cure on October 1, 2017.

San Jose: no report

**LATINO CAUCUS**

Fresno: Lorenzo Lambaren reported that on July 16, 2017 the caucus paired with the Women's Caucus for the second SEIU CHALLENGE: FEEDING THE HOMELESS.

Approximately 70 people enjoyed p-nut butter and jelly sandwiches, chips, cookies and water. The next SEIU CHALLENGE: FEEDING THE HOMELESS will be September 17, 2017.

He also reported that the caucus is sending five members to the Central California Women's Conference on September 19, 2017 in Fresno.

San Jose: Rachel Subega reported that the caucus has been very busy as well as signing up new members.

**WOMEN'S CAUCUS:** Jennifer Jensen reported that Tulare County is in the process of forming a Women's Caucus. The first meeting was held August 7, 2017. They video conferenced with the Fresno meeting and then met after that on their own. Jennifer Jensen also reported on the Women's Caucus partnering with Latino Caucus --- Fresno for the SEIU CHALLENGE: FEEDING THE HOMELESS JULY 16, 2017 and the upcoming one on September 17, 2017. She also reported that the caucus is sending 6 people to the Central California Women's Conference on September 19, 2017 and will participate in the Susan G. Komen Race For The Cure October 1, 2017.

**PWD:** no report

**NATIVE AMERICAN:** Roseann Dominguez reported that the Native American Caucus is planning for its first Native American History Month for November, 2017/

**RETIREE COMMITTEE – FRESNO:** Francis Coronado is reported that the Retiree Committee – Fresno met on August 2, 2017. Ten tickets are being purchased for the CLC Labor Day Breakfast. They are also working on a memorial bench. Francis reported that two people are going to the Central California Women's Conference on September 19, 2017

**LAVENDER:** inactive

**ADJOURNMENT:** the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Jensen  
Social Economic Justice (SEJ) Committee  
Secretary